

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and replace with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

A control device for controlling a control target device includes a control content acquisition unit, a recognition unit, a device control unit, and a communication unit. The control content acquisition unit acquires control information containing operation instructions and control commands from the control target device and stores the control information in a rewritable form. Each operation instruction corresponds to one of the control commands. The recognition unit recognizes an operation instruction entered by a user. The device control unit carries out a search to check whether the operation instruction recognized by the recognition unit is contained in the control information stored in the control content acquisition unit, and outputs a control command corresponding to the operation instruction when the operation instruction is contained in the control information. The communication unit transmits the control command outputted by the device control unit to the control target device.